GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
ATTACK ON INDIAN POSITIONS BY PAK ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times the Pakistani forces have attacked Indian positions across the border during the last three months, date-wise and place-wise;

(b) whether Indian Army has taken any retaliatory action;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith casualties and other losses suffered;

(d) whether the Government are aware that Pakistan is deploying their troops and heavy military equipment, arms and ammunitions on Indo-Pak border; and

(e) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 62 FOR 22.11.2001

None of the Indian defensive positions along the border, has been attacked by the Pakistan forces during the last three months. However, there have been regular incidents of unprovoked firing across the Line of Control / International Border by Pakistan forces, which have been adequately responded to by the Indian troops.

The Government is aware that Pakistan army has recently moved some component of its infantry divisions and armoured brigades along the International Border and Line of Control ostensibly fortraining/exercise in the Akhnoor sector of J&K and Ganganagar sector of Rajasthan since the second week of October 2001. According to the latest reports, some Pakistan infantry Divisions have moved back to their permanent location.

Pakistan army activities in close proximity of the border, are constantly being monitored and a high state of vigilance is being maintained. Adequate precautionary measures have been taken to ensure the security of the country.